

35. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex

(In thousands)

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
	2000	2001	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Total not in the labor force .....	68,836	70,050	11,738	12,384	18,953	19,495	38,146	38,171	25,484	26,114	43,352	43,935
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	64,459	65,483	10,107	10,629	17,007	17,509	37,345	37,345	23,627	24,119	40,832	41,363
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	4,377	4,567	1,631	1,755	1,945	1,986	801	826	1,856	1,995	2,521	2,572
Did not search for work in previous year .....	2,675	2,705	903	946	1,143	1,130	629	629	1,068	1,130	1,607	1,575
Searched for work in previous year <sup>2</sup> .....	1,703	1,862	728	809	802	856	172	197	788	865	914	997
Not available to work now .....	550	591	280	306	237	248	33	36	217	227	334	364
Available to work now .....	1,152	1,271	448	503	565	608	139	161	572	638	581	634
Reason not currently looking:												
Discouragement over job prospects <sup>3</sup> .....	260	319	79	105	143	165	39	49	160	191	100	128
Reasons other than discouragement .....	892	952	369	398	422	443	101	112	412	447	481	505
Family responsibilities .....	118	131	26	31	83	87	10	13	23	30	96	101
In school or training .....	185	208	158	174	26	32	1	2	97	112	88	96
Ill health or disability .....	95	95	15	16	58	55	22	24	49	45	46	50
Other <sup>4</sup> .....	493	518	171	177	255	268	68	74	243	260	250	258

<sup>1</sup> Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

<sup>2</sup> Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

<sup>3</sup> Includes believes no work available, could not find work, lacks necessary schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of

discrimination.

<sup>4</sup> Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as child-care and transportation problems, as well as a small number for which reason for nonparticipation was not ascertained.